

**KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR INDIVIDUALS
WITH INTELLECTUAL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**June 14, 2019
Public Health Suites A & B
275 East Main Street
Frankfort, KY 40621**

Members Present	Members Absent
Kristi Putnam, Deputy Secretary	Tina Bojanowski, Representative
Wendy Morris, Commissioner	Tom Buford, Senator,
Kim King, Representative	Julie Raque-Adams, Senator
Alisha Clark for Carol Steckel, Commissioner	Steve Shannon
Dr. Kathy Sheppard-Jones	Darrel Tipton
Kellie McCain	Rita Wooton
D. Brandon Griffith	Lesley Reising
Missy McKiernan	Lynn Braker
Karen Herdina	
Chris George	
Andrew Venetianer	
Stella Beard	
Cora McNabb	
Julie Sweets	

OPENING REMARKS

Deputy Secretary Putnam opened the meeting and welcomed Commission members and members of the audience.

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Deputy Secretary Putnam recognized Representative Kim King, a newly appointed member from the Kentucky House of Representatives.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MEMBERS (Term Expiration)

Deputy Secretary Putnam recognized members with expiring terms. Each of the follow members were presented with a Certification of Appreciation for their interest and service on the Commission: D. Brandon Griffith, Andrew Venetianer, Lesley Reising, Missy McKiernan, Julie Sweets, Lynn Braker, and Steve Shannon.

Outgoing members were reminded they are expected to continue serving on the Commission until appointments are officially made by the Governor's Office. For those who were not eligible or chose not to seek re-appointment, you are welcome to continue working with any of the committees in a non-leadership role.

RECOGNITION OF RECENT MEMBER RESIGNATIONS

Deputy Secretary Putnam announced the resignations of the following members:

- Virginia (Jini) Payne. Ms. Payne resigned earlier in the year. Applications for Ms. Payne's position have been submitted to the Governor's Office for consideration and appointment.
- Berlinda Bazzell. Ms. Bazzell submitted her resignation in late May. The Division of Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities will announce the open position and seek applications from across the state to fill Ms. Bazzell's remaining term.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Commission did not have a quorum. Approval of draft minutes from September 14, 2018 and December 7, 2018 deferred to the next quarterly meeting.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Employment

Co-chair Kellie McCain presented updates from the April 23, 2019 Employment Committee Meeting.

The Committee has three main goals:

1. Comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Co-chair Kathy Shepherd-Jones is working on a Declaration of Collaboration with changes to make employment better and make connections with other employment groups to form one big group. She has developed a spreadsheet exhibiting Kentucky Formal Partnership Networks for Increased Employment highlighting the various employment groups, their objectives and identifying overlap between the different groups.

2. Medicaid Waiver Restructuring
3. Transportation Planning

Co-chair Kathy Shepherd Jones discussed the issues and possible solutions in regards to transportation. She introduced audience member, Maria Kemplin and gave highlights of presentation by Maria Kemplin at the April 23, 2019 meeting:

- Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is prepared every two (2) years to coincide with state legislative approval of the Biennial Budget and the Transportation Cabinet's Highway Plan. Approximately 85% of the improvement program includes new road capacity projects, road maintenance/minor widening projects, bridge maintenance/replacement projects, and bridge capacity expansion. Approximately 13% of the funds are designated for safety projects, other (e.g. studies, consulting fees), and bicycle/pedestrian projects. Transit projects are only 2% of program.

- Metropolitan Planning (MPO) evaluates, educates, and allows public input. Survey revealed public is not aware of the meeting location. This could be a resource to drive employment. If you cannot get to work, you cannot work.
- Thirty-two percent of Breathitt County are Medicaid users. We need to help facilitate Medicaid and Non-Emergency Medical Transport for beneficiaries.
- Kentucky is one of three states that have a public brokerage system. There are guidelines to owning a vehicle through Medicaid. For individuals with a support broker instead of a case manager, a lot more planning falls to the individual.
- Suggested case managers talk about transportation during client's annual case plan. Teach people how to add it to plan of care.

DISCUSSION:

- Brandon Griffith stated the Transportation Annual Survey did not poll wavier participants and suggested changing the way data is collected from Medicaid wavier participants and their service providers so all voices can be heard.

Community Education/Outreach

Co-Chair Karen Herdina provided the following updates on the committee's work.

- Working to identify gaps in educational services.
- Presentation from Paula Goff of First Steps revealed that children with a summer birthday who are exiting First Steps services and transitioning to early childhood programs provided by the local education agency are left without services until the school year begins. Additional funding is needed for service continuation during the summer months to prevent regression of skills for those children transitioning into early childhood programs.
- An additional need identified during conversations with Ms. Goff of First Steps is the lack of pediatric Physical Therapy providers.
- The committee continues the promotion of establishing self-advocacy groups across the state. The Arc of Kentucky's Self-Empowerment Network has expanded to seven (7) groups throughout the state. Self-advocacy training will be provided at the annual ARC Conference.
- Committee is continuing to further define community inclusion. There is a working definition the committee hopes to refine and submit to the Commission for consideration at a later date.
- Committee members are reviewing other state websites in an effort to bring ideas to the Division of Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities for improving the accessibility and ease ability of locating educational and other resources for self-advocates, family members, professionals, and other interested members of the general public.
- The Human Development Institute at the University of Kentucky has a wonderful Resource Manual available online with the option to print the material. The Committee discussed the need for case managers and other providers to be aware of the manual by including as resource on MWMA and for including on benefind for self-advocates and family members.

Health/Wellness

Co-Chair Chris George presented the following recommendations from the Health/Wellness Committee for consideration by the HB 144 Commission:

- Explore, with Dr. Holder, efforts being done to analyze healthcare costs and pharmacy utilization.
- Explore partnership with the AADMD to provide interdisciplinary training in the reduction of polypharmacy.
- Ensure that state electronic health records have the ability to assist in longitudinal graphic analysis of behavior and pharmacy change data.
- Request that the CHFS provide our committee with a list of what reports are currently used to track polypharmacy of waiver recipients.
- Have ID/DD specialty clinics collaborate with the CMHC's for crisis intervention services and crisis intervention dollars and supports while decreasing reliance on the 202B process. Target assessment and possible reduction in psychotropic polypharmacy as a required outcome.
- Define and emphasize the difference between behaviorally complex needs versus medically complex needs of people with I/DD and educate providers, direct support professionals, and medical community on the differences which can lead to diagnostic overshadowing.
- Add Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) expertise as a qualification for those determining budgets for those identified with behavior support needs for Exceptional Supports funding with Home- and Community-Based Medicaid Waivers programs.
- Utilize a neurodevelopmental profile risk stratification model to drive allocation of services.
- Update Case Manager (CM) Training to include defining medical complexity, how and where to refer participants for needed services, and current services available from an array of providers.
- Provide financial incentives to Home- and Community-Based (HCB) Medicaid waiver providers to offer supports and services to individuals with I/DD with medically complex needs who might require additional staffing to live in the community. Funding would be available through completion of the needs assessment process for participant Directed Services and person-centered levels of funding.
- Conduct a feasibility study and a cost analysis for a pilot program for individuals with I/DD with medically and behaviorally complex needs as an alternative to institutionalization.
- Request that CHFS partner with CMHCs to develop an inclusive list of hospitals, psychiatric service providers, and mental health providers in their area that are waiver providers or in network with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) or take Medicaid (medical card) for services to allow greater access for individuals with I/DD and medically and behaviorally complex needs.
- Have DDID or other waiver management agencies develop a list of questions to be reviewed with agencies at certification audits that would highlight local connections with increasing health and wellness.
- Improve quality of healthcare among community health care providers through physician education and training (i.e. collaboration with University of Louisville, University of Kentucky, and other institutions).

- Effect policy change to allow providers appropriate access and usage of the Health Risk Screening Tool (HRST) by Medicaid Waiver providers as a tool to promote improved health/well-being of participants.
- Committee requests the Chairperson of the HB 144 Commission provide contact information of appropriate Cabinet policymakers for the above recommendations so members of the Health/Wellness Committee and other interested members of the HB 144 Commission might engage in further discussion.

The Commission did not have a quorum. Recommendations deferred to the next scheduled quarterly meeting.

HDI UPDATES

Dr. Kathy Sheppard-Jones, Executive Director of the Human Development Institute (HDI) at the University of Kentucky highlighted that HDI is a University Center of Excellence for Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) and is the only UCEDD in Kentucky. Dr. Sheppard-Jones provided updates on the organization's current efforts. For information, please visit HDI's website: www.hdi.uky.edu.

DMS UPDATES

Alisha Clark provided an update on the continuing process to redesign the 1915C waivers.

- Town Hall meetings across the state began June 11, 2019.
- Amendments to the proposed waivers were made based on Public Comments received by the Department.
- An informational packet was distributed to Commission members containing information for each specific program.
- A web-based training was conducted with providers on June 7, 2019 with over 400 attendees.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Julie Sweets, Commission Member

- Raised concern on the need for billing accountability and the need for clarification on funding requirements. There have been instances where there was billing for services even though the participant was not seen by the provider. In these instances there was no accountability and no follow-up with the concern. The issue was brought to her attention by a participant-directed caregiver in her area. It was suggested that Ms. Sweets speak with the Department for Medicaid Services' representative Alisha Clark after the Commission meeting for further discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lillian Bassett, Family Member

- Offered her service to the Commission and the Cabinet.

- Her sibling has been at Oakwood for most of her life. For the majority, the least restrictive works but not for all.
- Not all individuals are better out in the community.
- Safety should be at the forefront and be incorporated into all decisions.

NEXT MEETING

HB 144 Commission Members reminded of next quarterly meeting on September 13, 2019, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern Time at the Department for Public Health, 1st Floor Conference Suites A & B, 275 East Main Street, Frankfort.

Meeting Adjourned.